

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 3 and 17 and amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling pests, comprising:
exposing a surface of a pest to a particulate composition containing particles of an initially unmagnetized material, which is capable of becoming magnetically polarized when subjected to an electric or magnetic field, said particles being associated with at least one pesticide or behavior modifying chemical, wherein said particles acquire their adhesive properties only when said particles are in contact with an outer surface of the pest, wherein said particles are coated with a material which is a carrier for the pesticide or behavior modifying chemical.
2. (Previously Presented) A method so claimed in claim 1, wherein said particles comprise a material selected from metallic iron, nickel, cobalt, and mixtures thereof.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Currently Amended) A method so claimed in claim [[3]] 1, wherein the carrier comprises a substance selected from a lipid, a resin and a polymer.
5. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the carrier comprises the lipid which is a fatty acid, or an ester or salt thereof.
6. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said particles have a unit weight corresponding to that of a sphere of a diameter in the range of from 0.1 to 50 micrometers.
7. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said particles are associated with the pesticide which is an insecticide, acaricide, fungicide, insect growth regulator or chemosterilant.

8. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said particles are associated with the pesticide which is a bacterium, fungus or virus.
9. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said particles are associated with the behavior modifying chemical which is a pheromone or allelochemical.
10. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said particles are associated with the pesticide that is a chemical or naturally occurring insecticide or acaricide which comprises up to 10% by weight of the particulate composition.
11. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said particles are associated with the pesticide that is a bacterium, fungus or virus which comprises up to 40% by weight of the particulate composition.
12. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the behavior modifying chemical comprises from 1 picogram to 1 microgram per particle having an average particle size of from 0.1 to 50 micrometers.
13. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the pest is lured to a dispenser in which one or more surfaces is coated with the particulate composition.
14. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the pest is lured to the dispenser by a chemical attractant, biological attractant, food source, light, color, visual pattern, infra red or acoustic source, or a combination thereof.
15. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said particles are coated directly with the pesticide or behavior modifying chemical.

16. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 2, wherein said particles are coated directly with the pesticide or behavior modifying chemical.
17. (Cancelled)
18. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 2, further comprising luring the pest to a dispenser in which one or more surfaces is coated with the particulate composition.
19. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 4, wherein said particles are associated with the pesticide which is selected from an insecticide, an acaricide, a fungicide, an insect growth regulator and a chemosterilant.
20. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 4, wherein said particles are associated with the behavior modifying chemical which is selected from a pheromone and an allelochemical.